

reasonable to direct the USGS to distribute a cut in funding across its entire program rather than specifically from the university earthquake research component?

Mr. GORTON. I thank my colleague from California for bringing this issue to my attention. I would support spreading the \$4 million cut currently called for in earthquake research grants to universities across the entire USGS Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program.

Mrs. BOXER. I thank the Senator for his willingness to address this important issue. I am hopeful that the bill that emerges from conference will contain the smallest possible cut in the USGS Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program and that funding reductions will not target university research.

TRIBUTE TO DR. JOHN M. LONG

Mr. HEFLIN. Mr. President, I am pleased to pay tribute today to an outstanding leader in the musical field—Dr. John M. Long. Dr. Long, director of bands at Troy State University in Troy, Alabama for 30 years, is one of the most distinguished and influential figures in the history of this university. The school will be honoring him on Saturday, October 28, at its homecoming football game against the University of Alabama at Birmingham with a celebration entitled "All That Jazz: a Salute to Dr. John M. Long." In reflecting upon just a few of the highlights of his illustrious career, one can easily see why he is so appreciated by those who know him best and why he is so deserving of this special honor.

Dr. John Long is a nationally known guest conductor, clinician, and adjudicator who has served throughout North America and Europe. In 1969, he was named by *School Musician* magazine as one of the top ten outstanding band directors in the United States and Canada. He is past state chairman of the Alabama School Band Directors Association and in 1977, became the first active bandmaster elected to the Alabama Bandmasters' Hall of Fame. In 1972, he was presented the Citation of Excellence by the National Band Association. He is a past president of the prestigious American Bandmasters Association.

Dr. Long's service to Troy State University has extended far beyond its music program. He is dean of the School of Fine Arts and for 20 years was dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. In addition to currently serving as the director of bands, he is a distinguished professor of music.

John Long was born in Guntersville, Alabama on December 28, 1925. He received his bachelor's degree from Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, Alabama and his master's from the University of Alabama. Jacksonville State awarded him an honorary doctor of laws degree.

Today, over 200 former students of Dr. Long's are active high school band

directors or college music educators throughout the nation. One of his former students, Colonel John R. Bourgeois, is currently the director of the well-known United States Marine Corps Band based here in Washington.

I am pleased to commend and congratulate Dr. John Long on his many years of service to his community, state, and nation. William Shakespeare wrote in "The Merchant of Venice":

The man that hath no music in himself,
Nor is not mov'd with concord of sweet sounds,

Is fit for treasons, stratagems, and spoils;
The motions of his spirit are dull as night,
And his affections dark as Erebus:

I join his many friends in saying "thanks" to Dr. Long for all the sweet sounds with which he has filled our lives and brightened our spirits.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT V. SELTZER

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Robert V. Seltzer, my legislative director, who is leaving the Senate after many years of distinguished service.

Mr. President, there are few people more knowledgeable about the Senate, or more committed to this great institution, than Bob Seltzer. I have benefited greatly from his special expertise and commitment, and his contributions to my office will be felt for many years to come.

Bob's roots in the United States Senate are deep and long-lasting. He came to the Senate in 1979 to work with Senator CARL LEVIN after serving as his campaign manager and after leaving his post of ten years as professor of Rhetoric at Detroit University. Bob served as Senator LEVIN's Chief of Staff and helped to lay the groundwork for many legislative accomplishments by my friend from Michigan.

After a brief period off the Hill, Bob returned to the Senate to serve as legislative director to former Senator Brock Adams. When Senator KOHL was elected to his Senate seat in 1989, he wisely chose Bob to head up his legislative department as his legislative director. In 1993, Bob came to work for me and for the people of the State in which he was born, New Jersey.

Mr. President, Bob has provided invaluable service to me, to the people of New Jersey, and to the Senate. He has an impressive work ethic, and his commitment to public service is unmatched.

Along with his hard work and dedication, Bob has a great sense of humor and an ability to lift the spirits and morale of others. His daily summaries of floor action almost invariably provided our staffers with a quick chuckle. Bob's humor helped the staff tolerate numerous late night sessions and the inevitable chaos of life in the Senate. His quick wit and lighthearted nature will be missed by this Senator, his co-workers and his colleagues around the Hill.

Mr. President, Bob's departure from the Senate will allow him more time to

pursue his love of literature and music, while permitting him to spend more time with his wife, Helen. I am sure that as he pursues new horizons beyond the Senate, he will continue to excel, just as he has in my office.

In conclusion, Mr. President, I want to express my sincere thanks to Bob for his contribution to my office and to the Senate. I know my colleagues who know him will join me in wishing him the best of luck in all of his future endeavors.

FISCAL YEAR 1996 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS BILL

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, I wish to discuss several provisions included in the Fiscal Year 1995 Department of Transportation Appropriations bill of significant importance to the Committee. A number of the authorizing provisions in this bill are within the jurisdiction of our Committee which is the proper forum for their consideration.

Mr. President, I raised jurisdictional concerns with the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee last week prior to the Transportation Subcommittee's markup of this legislation. I understand other members of my Committee also raised similar concerns and objections. In fact, the very afternoon this legislation was marked up by the Subcommittee, the Commerce Committee's Aviation Subcommittee held a three and one-half hour hearing on the issue of reform of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Air Traffic Control (ATC) System.

Several of the authorizing provisions in H.R. 2002 which I objected to related to FAA and ATC reform. Other objectionable provisions related to matters such as airport funding which my Committee is also considering. As shown by the lengthy debate relating to the Roth amendment to strike several provisions in the legislation dealing with FAA procurement and personnel reform, these are very complex issues which require the careful and thoughtful consideration that my Committee has been undertaking.

The importance of the FAA and ATC reform debate is very significant. The safety of the air traveling public is at stake. Also, the efficiency of our air transportation system, which is the envy of the world, should not be put at risk by hasty actions of the Congress. For these reasons, the steady and careful pace which my Committee has taken in developing legislative solutions to adequately address these problems is appropriate.

The Subcommittee Chairman on Aviation, Senator MCCAIN, and other members of the committee plan to introduce comprehensive reform legislation to safeguard the traveling public